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SUBJECT.

Action proposed to be taken by the University in regard to students strikes.

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Serial No.

Sir Charles Todhunter's letter d. 1.9.30.
re: Students' Strikes in Mysore.

The Vice-Chancellor has been written to about para 1 of the letter and action is being taken separately.

Instructions are solicited about the action to be taken with reference to para 2 of the letter & the Dewan's remarks thereon.

Do Gen Secy with Complts
MNR
5/9/30

Submd
CPA
4/9/30
Gen Secy

The Hon'ble Member-in-Charge discussed with the V.C. on this matter.

The V.C. thought that if the situation got worse, Govt should be prepared to close the Colleges & perhaps also to introduce legislation to prevent agitators from getting at School and College boys.

For the present, he is seeking the help of the boys' parents & teachers in his attempt to combat the evil influence of some mischievous agitators on the boys. He will see also

Move as proposed
Gen Secy

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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If all the teachers are above sanction the Govt take summary action in respect of teachers who are in sympathy with the disorderly conduct of the students.

This having to be matter considered at a Meeting of the Univ. Council I have submit their views

III[rd] Minute
Dewan Peish
5/9/30.

A. Ley
6/9/30

OFFICE OF THE THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL
6 SEP. 1930
No. 166

Dr Hutchison discussed the matter with me also. He wanted to know if Govt would support the ~~Council~~ University authorities if they decided to take some disciplinary action. I told him that it would be better for the U.C. to consider the matter in all its aspects and submit its views to Govt without fearing their views to support any decisions arrived from the Govt. Then proposals may be awarded

Govt
6/9/30
RG
8/9/30

DEWAN'S OFFICE
9 SEP. 1930
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Minute

No reply has yet been received. Submd for orders as to whether ~~a Telegram~~ the Vice-Chancellor need be reminded. Perhaps we may wait till end of the month

RG
10/9/30.

CPR
5/10/30
Govt

Govt
RG
6/10/30

~~No reply has yet been received~~

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No reply has so far been received (in C.B.) from the Vice-Chancellor

The D.P.I. appears to have issued a circular.

Submd. Gpl 30.10.30 — For orders if a reminder need issue

Gen Secy.

I suppose the ~~last~~ circular issued recently contains the views of the University. No further action is called for

RR 4/11/30.

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Submitted to His Highness.

For some time past there have been frequent strikes of students of colleges and schools, and the authorities of the University and of the Education Department have been considering what action should be taken to prevent or minimise them. The latest instance of a strike was a few days back on account of the re-arrest of Pandit Jewaharalal Nehru. The strike at Bangalore appears to have passed off peacefully, while that at Mysore was characterised by some demonstration. Mr. Rollo, the principal of the Maharaja's College, issued a notice stating that absence on strike would result in the with-holding of conduct certificates necessary for promotion or appearance at University examinations and that all ~~student~~ Scholarships and free-studentships of students participating in strikes would be forfeited, and submitted it to the Vice-Chancellor for ratification. It would have been well if he had obtained the Vice-Chancellor's permission before issuing it.

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The Vice-Chancellor and the University Council considered the matter yesterday and thought that the action proposed to be taken in the notice was rather drastic and that it required to be toned down. The University proposed to modify the Principal's notice as in the copy sent with the Vice-Chancellor's letter No.124 dated 25th October 1930. Dr. Metcalfe and Mr. Wadia showed this notice to the Second Member and myself and wanted to know if it could be issued. The line of action proposed to be taken in the notice appeared to us to be quite reasonable. It is not right that students should be permitted to stop away from schools and colleges whenever they liked. It is necessary to take notice of unauthorised absence which is a breach of discipline. The authorities of the University propose that for every day of absence on strike, a student participating in it should lose three days' attendance. They also propose to notify that they might with-hold conduct certificates required to be produced with applications for examinations in cases in which they considered such action necessary. Students who receive financial aid from the University in the form of scholarships and free-studentships are bound to conduct themselves in

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Action proposed to be taken by the University in regard to students' strikes.

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Order.

~~KRW~~

27/10/30

Circulate Mrs' Agee Secy
Mem
3/11/30.

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Secretariat

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31. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Members of Council for perusal after the issue of orders.

33. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Members.

34. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Members of Council at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Members of Council for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules* 31, 33 and 34 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Manual of Council Rules and Procedure.)

Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

Genl Department.

4/11/30

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 6/11

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 5/11/30

THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 5/11

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
5 NOV. 1930
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II nd Member

General Secretary with Compliments
I do not think any further action is needed. The paper was read (Mr. Acton is in the S.N.) 8/11/30 7/11/30

C.104.

Park House,
Mysore, 1st September 1930.

My dear Mirza,

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Dewan's remarks

I wonder if you have ever considered the issue of instructions that people who take a leading part in these demonstrations will have their names entered on a prohibitory list of persons debarred from entering Government service.

Suggestion deserves consideration.
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1.9.30.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- C. Todhunter.

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Park House,
Mysore, 1st September 1930.

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CS. 47-30-2

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Suggestion for Consideration

Yours sincerely,

I fear Secretariat complts. This may be remembered when for permanent V-C might be considered as the points up

Lee 2/9/30

For personal private confidential action
RB 2/9/30

Dewan to see
Mulk 2.9.30 Chiefly.

MG 2/9/30.

2nd September 1930.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to state that it has come to the notice of Government that there have been symptoms of trouble amongst the students in Mysore during the last few days. On Thursday a crowd of them went round the colleges and schools trying to force a hartal on account of the arrest of some congress leaders and they seem to have met with some sucess. They appear to have tried to bring about another hartal - yesterday. It is believed that a report has been submitted to you by the Principal.

Will you kindly favour Government with your views as to whether any action is required to be taken up by Government in connection with this matter?

Yours sincerely,

2/9/30.

Dr.E.P.Metcalfe, D.Sc.(Lond.)F.Inst.P.,
Vice-Chancellor Mysore University.

2nd Sept.'30 xxx

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Will you kindly favour Government with your views as to what action, if any, is called for to deal with the situation?

Yours sincerely,

RR 2/9/30

Dr. E.P. Metcalfe, D.Sc.(Lond.), F.Inst.P.,
Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University.

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UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE.

Letter No.1040 dated the 24th October 1930 from the Principal, Maharaja's College, Mysore, to the Registrar, Mysore University.

I have the honour to report that the majority of the students of the Maharaja's College and the Intermediate College were absent yesterday. Apparently there was a hartal in relation to the re-arrest of Pandit Jawaharilal Nehru. The classes were not held, owing to insufficiency of numbers.

There was also an invasion just before 10-30 a.m. by a crowd of small boys. I did not think it right to have them interfered with by the police. They departed after half an hour, and no damage was done. They were led by an exceedingly stupid youth who, I think, said he came from Dharwar. I mention this in order that, if the usual accusation is made that the students of this college were primarily responsible for the hartal in educational institutions, this may be contradicted.

The S.R.C. could do nothing to prevent this strike, since it occurred after a holiday, and I believe most of the members of the S.R.C. have been out of town.

I enclose a copy of a notice which I have posted ~~ka~~ in both colleges. I earnestly hope that it may meet with the Vice-Chancellor's approval. It is clear that these strikes in colleges must be, and can be, stopped definitely. There is an influential 'school of thought' that believes that, on occasion after occasion, students should be <u>persuaded</u> by the authorities to do what is right. In the opinion of this school, the law and its penalties should not be emphasised for fear, forsooth, of irritating those subject to it. They think that school and college discipline are matter for mutual discussion and adjustment between authorities and students. This attitude is very largely responsible for all the trouble.

It is time that the students had the blessed peace of knowing and feeling that college and university law must be obeyed.

It appears to me that for such offences, that is for open defiance of our law, fining is both insufficient and inappropriate. It punishes the offence without really touching it. It indeed condones the offence, by retaining in all the privileges of studentship those whose actions have said that, in deliberate policy, they <u>will</u> not be subject to its conditions. I think that the only proper course is one that indicates to students that by such behaviour they forfeit the rights and privileges of members of the University.

" Copy "

C. R. M.

25.10.30.

UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE.

NOTICE.

It is already well known to all students that hartals are not permitted in the University, and that absence from college without leave on such an occasion is a deliberate violation of discipline. Notwithstanding, the majority of the students were absent from their classes at 10-30 yesterday morning. It is apparently still considered by many that they are at liberty to accept all benefits, financial and other, conferred by the College and the University, while pleasing themselves as to observance of the rules. In the interests of work as well as discipline, this must definitely be ended now.

The occurrence is being reported to the University. It is being recommended that a final opportunity may be given to students of realising their responsibilities as members of the College and the University, and that no action should on this accasion be taken against those who were absent.

For the future, the following warning is given. Its provisions will be carried out precisely and immediately, should there be, in future, any partial or total strike or hartal in the College.

Such absence is a deliberate offence of conduct. In future it will mean the withholding of the conduct certificate necessary to promotion or to appearance for university examinations Further, all scholarships and free-studentships are held subject to satisfactory conduct. If on any such occasion in future the holder of any type of scholarship or free-studentship is absent without leave, his scholarship or free-studentship will be considered forfeited by misconduct.

(Sd) J.C.Rollo,
Principal.

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25.10.30.